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- ☒ 3. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 4.

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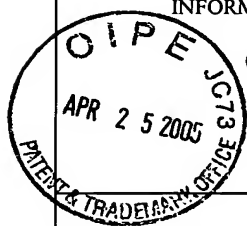
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	1	US 2002/059891 A1	05/23/2002	Shimizu et al.		
	2	US 4,183,313	01/15/1980	Odermann et al.		
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)


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